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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

The Honorable Stanley A. Bastian

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO UNITED STATES' SENTENCING MEMORANDUM

V.

AMANDA GAYLE FERGUSON,

Defendant.

AMANDA GAYLE FERGUSON, by counsel, files her response to the United States' Sentencing Memorandum. The government recommends a sentence of 96 months because "the Defendant is in need of a prolonged period of drug treatment" and "[a] longer sentence in this case may provide greater opportunities for treatment." [ECF 58, pg. 3, lines 19-22].

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The Federal Bureau of Prisons maintains a website with a few pages devoted to 1 Substance Abuse Treatment under the heading of Custody and Care. 2 https://www.bop.gov/inmates/custody and care/substance abuse treatment.jsp 3 (last visited 11/5/2019). The BOP identifies drug abuse treatment as an evidence 4 based best practice with "enormous safety and economic benefits to the public." 5 According to the site, BOP provides in-custody: 1) drug abuse education; 2) 6 nonresidential drug abuse treatment; and 3) a residential drug abuse program (RDAP). 7 The longest of these programs, RDAP, "is typically nine months in duration." If 8 Amanda requested and BOP provided all the available in-custody substance abuse 9 education and treatment available, it would not take 96 months. She could complete 10 all the treatment and education available in 70 months. 11 According to the BOP website, two facilities in its western region have RDAP 12 for women, FCI Dublin, California and SCP Phoenix, Arizona. 13 https://www.bop.gov/inmates/custody and care/docs/rdap locations090119.pdf 14 (last visited 11/5/2019). Amanda requests the Court recommend BOP place her at 15 one of these two facilities. 16 17 18 19 20

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Dated: November 8, 2019 1 /s/Lorinda Meier Youngcourt 2 Lorinda Meier Youngcourt Federal Defenders of Eastern WA & ID 3 10 North Post, Suite 700 (509) 624-7606 4 Lorinda Youngcourt@fd.org Counsel for Amanda Gayle Ferguson 5 6 **Certificate of Service** 7 I certify that on November 8, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing with the 8 Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System. A copy of which notify Assistant 9 United States Attorney Timothy J. Ohms and United States Probation Officer Cassie 10 Lerch. 11 /s/Lorinda Meier Youngcourt Lorinda Meier Youngcourt 12 Federal Defenders of Eastern WA & ID 10 North Post, Suite 700 13 (509) 624-7606 Lorinda Youngcourt@fd.org 14 Counsel for Amanda Gayle Ferguson 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 Defendant's Sentencing Memorandum - 3